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Federal Aviation Administration
Office of the Chief Counsel
ATTEN: Rules Docket (AGC-10)
800 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

**Subject: Petition of Era Aviation Inc., for Amendment of Exemption No. 7605,
Docket No. FAA-2001-10007, to Add Two Sikorsky S76A Helicopter**

Dear Administrator:

On August 17, 2001, the FAA granted Exemption No. 7605, Docket No. FAA-2001-10007, to Era Aviation, Inc. This exemption from the provisions of 14 CFR § 135.152 (hereinafter, "the DFDR rule") permits Era Aviation to operate certain helicopters under 14 CFR part 135 without an approved Digital Flight Data Recorder (DFDR) installed.

Other petitioners have been granted similar relief. Helicopters as to which FAA to date has granted relief from the provisions of the DFDR rule include, among others, the Bell 412. See e.g., Exemption No. 6714B, Docket No. 28855, issued to Offshore Logistics, Inc., on January 31, 2000 (seven Bell 412 helicopters; Exemption No. 6713F, Docket No. FAA-2000-8157, issued to Petroleum Helicopters, Inc., on April 20, 2001 (two Sikorsky S76A helicopters).

The conditions and circumstances pursuant to which Exemption No. 7605 was originally granted to Era Aviation remain unchanged. The conditions and circumstances pursuant to which other petitioners have been granted relief as to Bell 412 and S76A helicopters remains unchanged and apply equally to Era Aviation. Experience with these exemptions demonstrates that the public interest is served and a level of safety equivalent to the regulation is maintained when the petitioners are permitted to operate their enumerated helicopters under 14 CFR part 135 without an approved DFDR installed. 14 CFR § 135.152(k) continues to provide the same relief granted by these exemptions to operators of certain fixed-wing airplanes.

Pursuant to 14 CFR § 11.25, good cause exists to waive publication of this petition for exemption in the Federal Register, because the exemption, if granted, would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be a detriment to Era Aviation and the public.

Therefore, Petitioner Era Aviation, Inc., respectfully requests the Administrator to amend its Exemption No. 7605, Docket No. FAA-2001-10007, by adding to that exemption two additional Sikorsky S76A helicopter, registration number N573EH, Serial No. 760373 and N574EH Serial No. 760369. Petitioner Era Aviation further requests the Administrator to find that good cause exists to waive publication.

Questions or comments concerning this petition for extension of exemption may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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